II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

High schools brought under the control of the Government.

* 355[a] *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the object of the Government in taking over certain high schools under their management;

(*b*) how many schools have been so far taken over; and

(*c*) the scale of pay fixed for teachers in these schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Madras University have laid down that Lecturers in Training Colleges before their appointment as such should have worked as headmasters in high schools for three years. To comply with this regulation the Government have taken over certain District Board High Schools under their management to provide for appointment as headmasters, of persons, who are eventually to be employed as Lecturers in Government Training Colleges.

" (*b*) Five schools were accordingly taken over from district boards.

" (*c*) The staff of the schools were taken under Government service temporarily for a period of two years. They were allowed the pay, which they would have otherwise received from the district board. The Government have since decided to revert the staff to their permanent or officiating appointments under the district board concerned with effect from 1st June 1954 and orders have accordingly been issued."

Supply of electricity to the rural parts of Kasaragode taluk.

* 356[a] *Q.*—Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the preliminary investigation for the supply of electricity from the Jog Project to the South Kanara district has been completed;

(*b*) if not, why; and

(*c*) whether the Government have reecived any representation from the public of Kasargode in regard to the supply of electricity to the rural parts of Kasaragode taluk for agricultural, domestic and industrial purposes?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The preliminary investigations in so far as they relate to the work to be done on the Madras side have

[a] Postponed from the list of questions for 24th March 1954.

been completed and the construction of the necessary transmission lines, sub-stations, etc., by this Government is in progress.

"(b) Does not arise.

"(c) Representations have been received from the hon. Member himself and the Panchayat Board, Kasaragode. Supply to the area will be feasible only after Jog power becomes available."

SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA :—" Sir, may I know whether the possibilities of load development at Puttur and its neighbourhood have been investigated and while there is a proposal to supply electricity to Kasaragode from Mangalore when Mangalore receives supply from Jog, is it not also feasible to supply Puttur by a line from there, as Puttur is nearer to Mangalore than Kasaragode?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Of course, that is yet another question. As the hon. Member says, it is nearer than the place to which power is taken, it can be considered."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think we can take up questions Nos. 360 and 361 together."

Betting on American Cotton Prices.

* 360 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that gambling in American Cotton Prices prevails in the Madras City; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Police to prevent it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

"(*b*) The Police have taken adequate steps to prevent betting on American Cotton Prices."

* 361 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 10-10 a.m

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is large scale betting on American Cotton Price in the City; and

(*b*) if so, the measures taken by the Government to prevent this gambling?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) A certain amount of betting on American Cotton Market Prices is prevalent in the City.

"(*b*) The Police are taking suitable action under the Madras City Police Act."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that this gambling which ruins so many poor people is conducted and encouraged with the help of the Police Department?"